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The Committee on General Law reported through SEN. COLAPIETRO of the 31st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

**AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS
FOR CERTAIN OCCUPATIONAL LICENSEES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 20-334d of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) As used in this section:

4 (1) "Accredited continuing professional education" means any
5 education of an electrician or plumber that is designed to maintain
6 professional competence in the pursuit, practice and standards of
7 electrical work or plumbing and piping work and that is approved by
8 the commissioner and is provided by an organization, institution or
9 agency that is approved by the commissioner;

10 (2) "Certificate of continuing education" means a document issued
11 to an electrician or plumber by an organization, institution or agency
12 approved by the commissioner that offers accredited continuing

13 professional education, which (A) certifies that an electrician or
14 plumber has satisfactorily completed a specified number of continuing
15 education hours, and (B) bears the name of such organization,
16 institution or agency, the title of the program, the dates during which
17 the program was conducted, the number of continuing education
18 hours satisfactorily completed and the signature of the director of such
19 organization, institution or agency or the signature of the director's
20 authorized agent; and

21 (3) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer
22 Protection.

23 (b) The commissioner, with the advice and assistance of the
24 Electrical Work Board established pursuant to subsection (b) of section
25 20-331, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to (1)
26 establish requirements for accredited continuing professional
27 education for electricians licensed pursuant to sections 20-330 to 20-
28 341, inclusive; (2) establish qualifying criteria for accredited continuing
29 professional education programs and establish qualifying criteria for
30 acceptable certificates of continuing education; and (3) provide for the
31 waiver of required accredited continuing professional education for
32 electricians for good cause.

33 (c) The commissioner, with the advice and assistance of the
34 Plumbing and Piping Work Board established pursuant to subsection
35 (d) of section 20-331, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
36 chapter 54, to (1) establish requirements for accredited continuing
37 professional education for plumbers licensed pursuant to sections 20-
38 330 to 20-341, inclusive, which regulations shall require not more than
39 a total of seven hours of accredited continuing professional education
40 every three years except in the event of significant changes to the
41 building code, as approved by the Building Officials and Code
42 Administrators International, Incorporated, and that relate to
43 plumbing, the commissioner, at such commissioner's discretion, may
44 require more than a total of seven hours of accredited continuing
45 professional education every three years; (2) establish qualifying

46 criteria for accredited continuing professional education programs and
47 establish qualifying criteria for acceptable certificates of continuing
48 education; and (3) provide for the waiver of required accredited
49 continuing professional education for plumbers for good cause.

50 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (c) of this section,
51 any person who has been issued a P-6 or P-7 license pursuant to
52 section 20-334a shall not be required to meet the continuing education
53 requirements established pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	20-334d
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GL *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 06 \$	FY 07 \$
Consumer Protection, Dept.	GF - None	None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill limits the number of hours of continuing education for plumbers according to Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) regulations. The bill has no fiscal impact.

OLR Bill Analysis

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**AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUING EDUCATION
REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN OCCUPATIONAL LICENSEES****SUMMARY:**

This bill limits the number of hours of continuing education for plumbers that Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) regulations may require to seven every three years. If there are significant changes to the building code that relate to plumbing, the bill allows the DCP commissioner to increase the requirement. By law, the DCP commissioner may adopt regulations to establish requirements for accredited continuing professional education for plumbers and qualifying criteria for accredited continuing professional education programs.

The bill exempts holders of P-6 and P-7 plumbing and piping work licenses from meeting continuing education requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***P-6 and P-7 Licenses***

These licenses permit the installation, repair, replacement, alteration or maintenance of water, sewer, and storm lines from the utility to a point immediately inside a structure (Conn. Agencies Reg. §§ 20-332-4 (g) and (h)). Journeypersons (P-6) may only work for contractors (P-7).

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

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